GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance is provided to small and marginal farmers to compensate for the loss of crops during natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details of assistance admissible and provided to the small and marginal farmers per hectare;

(c) whether differential compensation package exist for irrigated and non-irrigated land;and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLAY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d): Financial assistance in the wake of notified natural calamities is provided to States through the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/ State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), which is supplemented by the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF)/ National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) in cases of calamities of a severe nature. The financial assistance is towards relief & not for compensation of loss. Further, the main objective of the relief fund is to assist the affected persons to start their economic activities again and the relief is by way of gratuitous assistance as an immediate help to overcome the stress.

The expenditure from relief fund is to be incurred in accordance with the items and norms of assistance approved by the Government of India for the notified natural calamities only.

The Extent norms inter-alia provide for assistance to the farmers in the form of Agriculture input subsidy for damage caused to crops due to the notified natural calamities only. Details of assistance admissible to Small & Marginal Farmers (SMF) as per extant items & norms are under:-

Sl.No.	Item	Norms of Assistance
	Assistance to small and marginal for:-	
(a)	Desilting of agricultural land	Rs. 6,000/- per hectare:- (where thickness of sand/ silt deposit is more than 3", to be certified by the competent authority of the State Government)
(b)	Removal of debries on agriculture Desilting/	Rs. 6,000/- per hectare Rs. 6,000/- per hectare
(c)	Loss of substantial portion of land caused by landslide, avalanche, change of course of rivers.	Rs. 15,000/- per hectare (Assistance will be given to only those small and marginal farmers whose ownership of the land lost is legitimate as per the revenue records)

(d) Agriculture input subsidy where crop loss was 50% and above.

(e) For agriculture crops, horticulture crops and annual plantation crops Rs. 2000/- per hectare in rainfed areas Rs. 4000/- per hectare for areas under assured irrigation.

(a) No input subsidy will be payable for agricultural land remaining unsown or fallow.

(b) Assistance payable to any small farmers with tiny holding may not be less than Rs. 250/-.

Perennial crops Rs. 6000/- per hectare for all type of perennial crops.

(a) No input subsidy will be payable for agricultural land remaining unsown or fallow.

(b) Assistance payable to any small farmers with tiny holding may not be less than Rs. 500/-.